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The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be.

- Valery, Paul

Our judgments judge us, and nothing reveals us, exposes our weaknesses, more ingeniously than the attitude of pronouncing upon our fellows.

- Valery, Paul

If some great catastrophe is not announced every morning, we feel a certain void. nothing in the paper today , we sigh.

- Valery, Paul

A poem is never finished, only abandoned.

- Valery, Paul

Science means simply the aggregate of all the recipes that are always successful. All the rest is literature.

- Valery, Paul

Science is feasible when the variables are few and can be enumerated; when their combinations are distinct and clear. We are tending toward the condition of science and aspiring to do it. The artist works out his own formulas; the interest of science lies in the art of making science.

- Valery, Paul

Latent in every man is a venom of amazing bitterness, a black resentment; something that curses and loathes life, a feeling of being trapped, of having trusted and been fooled, of being the helpless prey of impotent rage, blind surrender, the victim of a savage, ruthless power that gives and takes away, enlists a man, and crowning injury inflicts upon him the humiliation of feeling sorry for himself.

- Valery, Paul

That which has been believed by everyone, always and everywhere, has every chance of being false.

- Valery, Paul

A man is infinitely more complicated than his thoughts.

- Valery, Paul

Long years must pass before the truths we have made for ourselves become our very flesh.

- Valery, Paul

A work is never completed except by some accident such as weariness, satisfaction, the need to deliver, or death: for, in relation to who or what is making it, it can only be one stage in a series of inner transformations.

- Valery, Paul

Serious people have few ideas. People with ideas are never serious.

- Valery, Paul

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.

- Valery, Paul



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